

A CHILD'S LOGIC.

"Come Johnny," said a father
To his little boy of three,
"If you want a pretty plaything,
Just come along with me."

He led him to the kitchen,
Where, in a fuzzy heap,
Within a box half filled with straw,
Three kittens lay asleep.

"Now, Johnny, dear," the parent said,
With quiet mien and grave,
"Two of these kittens must be drowned,—
Choose which you wish to save."

With searching and impartial eye
The child surveyed their charms,
Then clasped the biggest of the three
Within his chubby arms.

A few days later, Johnny
Was sitting at his play,
When in his father hastened,
His face both glad and gay.

"Come, Johnny boy, I'll show you
A plaything better far
Than any you have seen before;
But hush! don't wake mamma."

They softly gained the nursery,
Where in a basket gay
With dainty ribbons blue and white,
Two sleeping infants lay.

The father stood there proudly,
And gazed upon the three,
While waiting all expectant
To witness Johnny's glee.

But lo! in solemn silence,
With tightly-folded hands,
And eyes that scan each tiny face,
The child reflecting stands.

Then in the fattest baby's cheek,
Just where the dimples are,
He thrusts a little finger plump,
"Save this one please, papa!"

CLARE'S "NOTICE."

ONE time little Clare saw a notice on a barn which said, "No smoking allowed here." Clare said he could write a notice if he had a piece of paper. Aunt Lina gave him a piece, and he soon had this "notice" fastened up on the porch. "No drunkenness, no smokeness, no swear words, no wickedness allowed here." "Course we don't need it," said Clare, soberly; "but somebody might come along, you know." That's a fact, boys. There is always somebody along who needs to see you set a good example.

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

B.C. 1491.] LESSON VII. [May 15.]

THE CALL OF MOSES.

Exod. 3. 1-12. Commit to memory vs. 2-6.

GOLDEN TEXT.

I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee
what thou shalt say. Exod. 4. 12.

OUTLINE.

1. Moses.
2. The Call.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What did Moses see as he tended his flocks at Mount Horeb? A flame of fire in a bush.

What attracted his attention to the fire? He noticed that it did not burn the bush.

What did he start to do? To find out the reason why.

What prevented him? A voice in the midst of the bush.

Whose voice was it? The voice of God.

What did the voice command? "Put off thy shoes."

For what cause? The place was holy ground.

What made it holy? The presence of God.

What did God declare to Moses? "I am the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob."

Why did Moses hide his face? He was afraid to look upon God.

What did God tell him? That he had heard the cry of his people.

What was he ready to do? To deliver them from the Egyptians.

Where was he going to bring them? To a land flowing with milk and honey.

What did God call Moses to do? To go before Pharaoh.

How did Moses feel about it? Timid and distrustful.

What encouragement did God give him? "I will go with thee." (Repeat the GOLDEN TEXT.)

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Do you ever feel timid about speaking for God?

Can you love him and not let others know it?

Is there anything he wants you to do, that you will not?

Remember he says to you, "I will be with thee to help thee."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Divine compassion.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

Where did God put the first man and woman? God put the first man and woman in the garden of Eden.

B.C. 1491.] LESSON VIII. [May 22.]

THE PASSOVER.

Exod. 12. 1-14.

Commit to memory vs. 13, 14.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us,
1 Cor. 5. 7.

OUTLINE.

1. The Passover.
2. Our Passover.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What message did Moses bring to Pharaoh from God? "Let my people go, that they may serve me."

What was Pharaoh's reply? "I will not let Israel go."

What did God send upon Pharaoh for refusing to obey him? Great and terrible plagues.

What did Pharaoh do? He hardened his heart against the Lord.

What awful punishment did God purpose to bring upon him and the people? The death of the first-born in every house.

Who did he intend to save? The Israelites.

What did he direct them to do? To kill a lamb without spot or blemish. (Repeat the GOLDEN TEXT.)

What must they do with the blood? Sprinkle it upon the doors of their houses.

How were they to use the flesh? Roast it whole, and eat it with bitter herbs.

For what were they to be ready? To leave the land in haste.

Of what was the blood of the lamb a token? Of God's mercy.

What would he do when he came to smite the land? Pass over and save from death every house sprinkled with blood.

At what houses did the Lord stop and slay the first-born? All that were not sprinkled.

What were the Israelites to keep in remembrance of this passover of the Lord? A feast every year.

What law did God make concerning it? That it should be kept by his people forever.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Christ is our passover, the Lamb of God slain for us.

He shed his blood upon the cross to save us from the wrath of God.

Only those whose hearts are sprinkled with his blood will God spare and save from eternal death.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Salvation.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

In whose image was man created? Man was created in the image or likeness of God.